

Gary Lee Stevens- Republican-Senate District P

Age: 72

Place of Birth:

McMinnville, Oregon

Name of Spouse:

Rita

Children's Names:

Anna, Matthew, Natalie

Occupation:

Professor (Retired)

Length of Residency in Alaska:

44 years

Alaskan communities lived in:

Kodiak 1970 to present

Education:

Taft High 1959

Linfield College 1963 BA

University of Oregon 1965 MFA

UCLA 1966 Graduate School

University of Oregon 1984 Ph.D.

Harvard 2005 Kennedy School of Government

Military Service:

US Army; 3 years; 1st Lieutenant; Intelligence Officer; Army Commendation Medal

Political and Government Positions:

Senate President – 4 years; Majority Leader; Rules Chair; Education Chair, Finance; Mayor, Kodiak Borough; Mayor, City of Kodiak; President School Board; Senate: 12 years; House: 2 years

Business and Professional Positions:

Professor, University of Alaska, 25 years; General Manager, Northern Processors; CEO, Happy Clam Food; Teaching Assistant, University of Oregon; Director Kodiak Oral History Project

Service Organizations Membership:

Rotary, Elks, American Legion, Pioneers

Special Interests:

Alaska History and Art

Other (Biographical Information Only):

National Chairman, Council of State Governments; Governor, Rotary International; President Alaska Historical Society; Board Member: Alaska Humanities Forum, Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute, Alaska Aerospace Corporation, Senate Presidents Forum, Council of State Governments, National Conference of State Legislatures

Statement:

I am running for re-election to the Alaska Senate. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as a legislator for 14 years. I have been Chairman of Education, Senate President, Majority Leader and Rules Chair. I have enjoyed my 8 years in Senate Leadership and learned enormous lessons about how best to assist the communities I represent. Redistricting has led to substantial changes in District P and I look forward to meeting, listening to and learning from every community in this new district.

My priorities include excellence in education, finding solutions to the high dropout rate in our schools and low graduation rate in higher education, maintaining a healthy economy and well-paying jobs, continuing to add to our savings account for future needs, moving ahead on oil and gas development, protecting our fishing and tourism industries and support for our veterans and seniors.

I have served as an elected public official for over 27 years, as Borough Mayor, City Mayor, School Board President, as well as a state legislator. That experience has given me an abiding understanding of the needs of all levels of government here in our district.

I believe in the importance of family values. Rita and I have been married for 40 years and we have three grown children; Anna, Matthew and Natalie. We recently welcomed our first grandchild, Isadora, to our family.

I promise to continue to provide this district with the best possible representation I can in the Alaska Senate.

